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Director of Central Intelligence

22 December 1947

Executive for Administration and Mgt.

Proposed Transfer of FBIB Mediterranean Monitoring Station

1. Attached is a recommendation from the Assistant Director for Operations for the expenditure of \$250,000 in connection with the movement of the Middle East monitoring station of FBIB from Cairo to Cyprus. This estimate is fairly rough, but believed to be within reasonable limitations.

2. All preliminary arrangements for the movement of this station have been completed with the British government.

3. Vouchered funds are available for this purpose, but such funds must be completely obligated by 30 June 1948. There are no funds in the 1949 budget to cover a project of this nature.

4. In order to insure the completion of detailed arrangements, including final selection of site, further detailed surveys and estimates of construction costs, and actual letting of contracts, it is recommended that a specialist team from Services Branch, ADM, and the Office of Operations be sent to Cyprus early in January empowered to take final action toward the completion of this contract to the extent of actually letting contracts involving obligation of funds not in excess of \$250,000 so that the project may get under way while we still have funds which we can use for this purpose. This team should be further empowered to request, if necessary, authority to obligate additional funds in reasonable amounts should such action become necessary in the course of their survey on the ground.

5. Experts for this purpose are now available in our organization and can depart early in January as recommended.

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Approved by the Director

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